

REMARKS

The Final Office Action dated August 27, 2008 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 1-5 and 7 are pending. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3 and 5 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Khosla et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,202,061.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with, and explicitly traverses, the Examiner's reason for rejecting the claims.

Claim 3, as amended, recites:

A method for enabling a user to manipulate a user interface, the method comprising:

- receiving a selection from the user;
- obtaining at least one previous collection that matches the selection;
- generating a generated collection that comprises at least one item, wherein each item in the generated-collection matches the selection; and
- presenting to the user, through the user interface, an overview comprising the generated collection and the at least one previous collection that matches the selection.

System claim 1 contains means plus function elements corresponding to the elements of method claim 3. Applicant has amended claims 1 and 3 to more clearly

define the invention. In particular, each of these independent claims recites that the selection by a user results in an overview being presented to the user. This overview contains:

1. At least one previous collection that matches the selection, and
2. A generated-collection that comprises at least one item, obtained by a generating means, and wherein each item matches the selection.

Support for these features is found, inter alia, at paragraphs [0006] and [0021] of the published application. Paragraph [0006] also contains the following example:

For example, in the case that a user wants to select all music albums of a certain artist, the user can be provided with all music albums of that artist and with a generated album that comprises songs of the artist that are for example present upon different albums comprising a collection of songs of several artists. In this way, the user is provided with a user interface, that can show real albums and a generated album that comprises songs of the artist.

Applicant respectfully submits that Khosla does not disclose, teach or suggest the claimed subject matter quoted above. The system of Khosla allows the user to perform a search of picture properties (see col. 11, lines, 1-6). As illustrated in Fig. 11, the system of Khosla displays a thumbnail of each image found in a search (see col. 11, lines 47-51). Relying on a user's interaction, Khosla's invention subsequently generates a new album containing pictures found in a search.

The Examiner points to various steps of Fig. 9 as teaching the features of claim 1 (and claim 3). These citations to Khosla relate to presenting image search results to a user and permitting him to manually create a new album. This is clearly distinguishable from the present invention whereby a collection is obtained by a matching process performed by the system.

Moreover, Applicant submits that Khosla fails to properly address the invention as recited in claim 3 wherein an overview is presented to the user through the user interface and the overview comprises: at least one previous collection that matches the selection, and a generated-collection that comprises at least one item, obtained by a generating means, and wherein each item matches the selection.

The above argument was submitted in Applicant's response to the previous (March 19, 2008) Office Action. In the current Office Action, the Examiner responds to this argument by stating that claim 1 is open to interpretation: "the presentation means are merely capable (conceived to) of presentation of collection type items ... in an overview type presentation, whether such two items are presented simultaneously is not a limitation found in the claim language" (Office Action at page 5). As an initial matter, Applicant wishes to note that this alleged ambiguity was not present in method claim 3. Nevertheless, in the interests of furthering prosecution, Applicant has amended both independent claims 1 and 3 to more clearly recite that the overview comprises both items.

For at least the above reasons, Applicant submits that the system of Khosla does not teach the method of claim 3 which presents to a user an overview that contains at least one previous collection that matches the user's selection and a generated-collection that comprises at least one item, obtained by a generating means, wherein each item therein matches the selection.

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element recited therein is expressly or inherently described in a single prior art reference. Khosla cannot be said to anticipate the present invention, because Khosla fails to disclose each and every element recited in claim 3. Claim 1 also contains these features and is deemed patentable over Khosla for at least the same reasons.

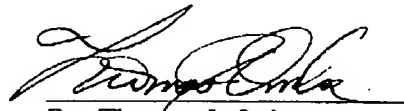
Having shown that Khosla fails to disclose each and every element claimed, applicant submits that the reason for the Examiner's rejection of claims 1 and 3 have been overcome and can no longer be sustained. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of claims 1 and 3

With regard to claims 2, 4, 5 and 7, these claims ultimately depend from one of the independent claims, which have been shown to be not anticipated and allowable in view of the cited references. Accordingly, claims 2, 4, 5 and 7 are also allowable by virtue of their dependence from an allowable base claim.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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